

REMARKS

In response to the Notice of Allowance dated June 15, 2005, claims 1, 2, 4, 7 and 23 of the above-identified application have been amended. Claims 1-44 remain in the application.

The Notice of Allowance indicated that withdrawn claims 23-44 had been canceled by Examiner's amendment. However, while Applicants' attorney agreed to other claim amendments, Applicants' attorney did not agree to cancellation of the withdrawn claims. Moreover, Applicants' attorney asserts that the non-elected claims are entitled to rejoinder consideration under M.P.E.P. §821.04.

Record is made of telephone interviews between Examiner Wong and Applicants' attorney that occurred on June 22, 2005, July 6, 2005 and July 19, 2005. Rejoinder of the claims were discussed in the interviews. Specifically, Examiner Wong agreed that claims 23-44 were entitled to rejoinder consideration and identified certain claim amendments that would result in rejoinder and subsequent allowance.

Applicants' attorney has made those amendments, as indicated above. Moreover, the amendments made to claims 1, 2 4 and 7 above reflect the Examiner's amendments set forth in the Notice of Allowance.

It is believed that these amendments may be entered under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.312 without withdrawing the application from issue. The Issue Fee has not yet been paid.

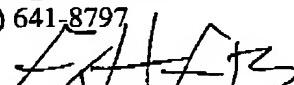
Should the Examiner believe minor matters still remain that can be resolved in a telephone interview, the Examiner is urged to call Applicant's undersigned attorney.

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